

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, Herman S. Solem has demonstrated his dedication to duty through his many endeavors in the field of corrections, and most recently as the warden of the South Dakota State Penitentiary; and,

WHEREAS, Herman is a native of South Dakota, graduated from Sioux Falls Washington High School and Augustana College, and immediately upon graduation he answered his country's call during World War II and began a distinguished thirty-year career with the United States Army Air Corps and later the United States Air Force; and,

WHEREAS, Herman was hired by the South Dakota State Penitentiary as principal of Coolidge High School, later filled the position of director of Academic and Vocational Educational Education, then named Administrative Assistant to the warden, and a year later appointed warden by the South Dakota Board of Charities and Corrections; and,

WHEREAS, Herman initiated the M-2 (Man-to-Man) Program that brings responsible adult volunteers from the community and surrounding areas into individual commitments to visit men in prison and became somewhat of a pioneer in the field of religious and cultural programming for traditional Native American inmates; and,

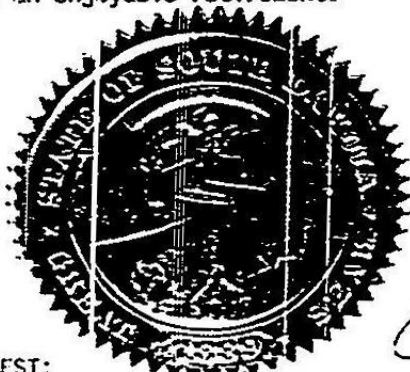
WHEREAS, Herman experienced during his tenure the opening of the Springfield Correctional Facility, a former college converted into a functioning facility in only four months--within four years of its existence the Springfield Correctional Facility would become a role model for the nation; and,

WHEREAS, Herman has served as warden of the South Dakota State Penitentiary for thirteen years and during those years Herman has elevated the field of corrections to a level of dignity and respect both in the community and in the state:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 15, 1989, as

HERMAN S. SOLEM DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his many friends in wishing him a fond farewell and an enjoyable retirement.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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BOYLE HAZELTYNE, SECRETARY OF STATE